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LAW SECRETARIAT.

Abolition of the Bench Court at Dodballapur.

READ—

Letter No. R. O. C. 289, dated 1st November 1930, from the Registrar, High Court, recommending that the Munsiff of Dodballapur may be invested with powers of a second class Magistrate with local jurisdiction over the second and third class cases of that Taluk and that the Bench Court at Dodballapur may be abolished.

ORDER NO. P. 2653-55—CTS. 90-30-2, DATED 11TH NOVEMBER 1930.

The recommendation of the High Court is sanctioned and will be brought into effect from 1st December 1930.

The District Magistrate, Bangalore, is requested to have the file pending before the Bench Court, Dodballapur, on that date transferred to the Munsiff-Magistrate, Dodballapur.

Notifications investing the Munsiff with Magisterial powers and defining his local jurisdiction will issue separately.

P. MAHADEVAYYA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the report on the working of the Registration Department during the year 1929-30.

READ—

Letter Camp No. 2—30-31, dated 4th October 1930, from the Inspector-General of Registration, submitting a report on the working of the Registration Department during the year 1929-30, together with the prescribed statistical statements.

ORDER NO. FL. 4162-219—REGIS. 7-30-3, DATED 13TH NOVEMBER 1930.

Recorded.

2. During the year under review, certain important changes calculated to afford greater convenience to the public and to facilitate the despatch of work of the Department were effected.

(1) The *ad valorem* fee payable under Article 1 (*h*) for the registration of a document acknowledging receipt of payment of consideration on account of any previously registered document or for any receipt acknowledging payment of a debt or rent due under a previously registered document was fixed at a maximum of Rs. 2.

(2) The Mutchalikas presented for registration by Servegars of the Amrit Mahal Department were exempted from the payment of Registration fees.

(3) Whole time Sub-Registrars were appointed during the year at Kortagere and Holalkere. The special Sub-Registry Office at Harihar was abolished, the jurisdiction thereof being transferred to the Davangere Sub-Registry Office. A new Special Sub-Registry Office was opened at Kuderu in Chamrajnagar Taluk with effect from 1st July 1930 and the *Ex-officio* Sub-Registry Office at Alur was converted into a Special one.

3. The total number of documents registered during the year fell from 1,73,475 to 1,64,037 and the revenue from Rs. 3,86,866 to Rs. 3,80,112.

4. Government are pleasad to note that the inspection of Sub-Registry Offices continued to be satisfactory during the year and that the system of surprise visits has contributed to improvements in the work of the department.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
Financial Secretary to Government,
(in-charge.)